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**Statement by Representative William Snyder Regarding the Passage of the
Human Trafficking Bill in the House of Representatives**

Tallahassee, Fla. – House Judiciary Committee Chairman William Snyder (R-Stuart) today released the following statement regarding the passage of HB 7049 on human trafficking in the House of Representatives.

“Today’s vote moves this important bill one step closer to becoming law. I want to thank my colleagues in the Florida House for recognizing the need to help put an end to this modern day form of slavery and ensuring Florida’s law enforcement officers and state attorneys have the tools they need to stop human trafficking around the state.”

“Considering Florida is a major tourist destination that welcomes millions of visitors every year, the state has also unfortunately become an increasing haven for criminals engaged in committing these despicable crimes against the most vulnerable among us. I hope this legislation will lead to a day when victims of human trafficking can come out from the shadows and live normal lives without fear of retribution from their captors.”

“Human trafficking is a crime that robs individuals of their dignity and their right to contribute to our society. I look forward to seeing this bill pass the Senate and the day when more human traffickers can be brought to justice.”

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